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# Blackfish

1. What are the most important qualities for a potential animal trainer?
2. What tragic event happened at Sea World on Feb 24, 2010?
3. Briefly describe the techniques used to capture the orcas in the 1970s
4. What were some issues with both the training and living conditions at Sea Land?
5. List 3 results of the tragic event that happened at Sea Land?
6. Briefly describe characteristics of orca behavior in the wild.
7. What is something interesting about the orca brain?
8. How do the former trainers describe Tilikum’s behavior at Sea World?
9. How did the mother orca react after Kalina was removed from Sea World?
10. What are some incorrect facts that Sea World regularly presents to the public?
11. What are some results of keeping orcas in close quarters captivity?
12. What’s up with Sea World not using videos of previous “accidents” to train new animal trainers?
13. How do you interpret the result of the whale repeatedly pulling the trainer to the bottom of the pool? (Effective Sea World training or nearly another accident which could’ve been prevented?)
14. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ % of the whales in Sea World’s collection contain some amount of Tilikum’s genes.
15. Obviously the trainer accepts a certain “level of risk” when working with these animals. What would you suggest as the best overall solution to the entire issue?
16. What are some “mishaps” that happened during the routine on the day Tilikum killed Dawn?
17. What does the female NEUROSCIENTIST say about the psychology of captive orcas?
18. After watching the final scences, what are your overall thoughts on orca captivity? Explain.

**\*Research** each of the following SeaWorld claims posed in the video for yourself. Does reliable info online

seem to support or reject the SeaWorld claims? Explain. Please also include the URL website address

• The average life expectancy of all orcas (both “wild” and “captive”) is about 25-35 years.

• The orcas survive longer in captivity than in the wild due to “the great veterinary care.”

• 25% of all orcas (both “wild” and “captive”) display “collapsed dorsal fin.”